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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toru MATSUDA

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EXAMINER:

FOR: CHARACTER STRING PROCESSING APPARATUS, CHARACTER STRING PROCESSING METHOD, AND IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS

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REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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RELATED CASES

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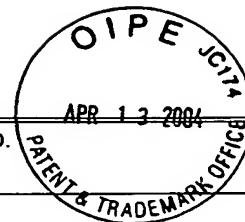
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 11-512543) on Form PTO-1449 is discussed in the specification.



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	AO	11-512543	10/26/1999	JAPAN (with corr. WO 97/10556)	YES	NO	X
	AP	WO 97/10556	03/20/1997	WIPO			
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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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